

# **Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Election Board**

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**Chairman: Merle Carson (2015)**  
**Vice-Chairman: Alice Hughes (2017)**  
**Secretary: Carol Quinones (2017)**

**Member: Jon Shawa (2017)**  
**Member: Christine Shomin (2015)**

## **MINUTES SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2015**

**Call To Order: 11:15 a.m.**

**Roll Call: Chairman, Merle Carson      Present**  
**Vice-Chairman, Alice Hughes   Present**  
**Secretary, Carol Quinones      Present**  
**Member: Jon Shawa              Present**  
**Member: Christine Shomin    Present**  
**5 - Present    0 - Absent/Excused    Quorum – Yes**

**Guest: Tribal Citizen Andrew Stitch and Tribal Citizen Judy Field**

### **Agenda**

**Motion made by Vice-Chairman Hughes, supported by member Shomin, to approve the agenda for this meeting as written and presented. Motion read back by Secretary Quinones.**

**5– Yes   0 – No   0 – Abstained   0 – Absent**

**Motion carried**

### **Minutes**

**Motion made by member Shomin, supported by Vice-Chairman Hughes, to approve the minutes of Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015 as written and presented. Motion read back by Secretary Quinones.**

**5 – Yes   0 – No   0 – Abstained   0 – Absent**

**Motion carried**

### **Public Comment (Recommended 3 minutes per comment)**

**Tribal Citizen Andrew Stitch asked about the Appellate hearing date that has been set for Friday ,March 6<sup>th</sup>. Andrew inquired about the cost for the Special Election for the Tribal Chairman and Vice-Chairman The cost for the Special Election will be approximately \$27,757.80. The Special Election process will be the same as the election for Tribal Council.**

**Andrew wanted to know if we would be holding one or two “Meet the Candidates Forum”. Chairman Carson stated that the Election Board is still debating that and other issues for the Special Election.**

Tribal Citizen Judy Field stated that she was here because she will be helping Judy Feathers with an Initiative Petition and wanted to make sure that they have all the correct information needed to properly collect the needed signatures. Judy was informed that the needed amount of signatures is 161. Judy asked where they can go to collect the signatures. Chairman Carson informed her of the places she is not able to obtain signatures.

Chairman Carson informed her that Judy Feathers will be picking up the signature pages on Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 and that they would be due back on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015. Judy was informed that they can be turned in any time before June. Judy was also informed that all pages needed to be returned even if they are not filled out. Judy Feathers will receive 10 pages which is enough to collect 200 signatures. Judy Feathers is responsible for all of the pages received. Chairman Carson informed Citizen Field that the Election Board would make copies of the Initiative to attach to the signature pages. Chairman Carson also informed Judy that he would be providing Judy Feathers with three copies of the Registered Voters list per her request. Judy was presented with a copy of the Political Solicitation Statute that spells out where you can obtain signatures and provide information on the Initiative.

Public Comment closed

#### OFFICER'S REPORTS

##### CHAIRMAN CARSON

###### Discussion Items

- Voter Registration Requests
- Judy Feathers Initiative Petition
- Carlos Alvarado's Bill
- Regulations
- Political Solicitation Statute
- Data for the Registered Voter is on the new computer.
- Appellate Court is set for Friday, March 6, 2015 at 1:30 p.m.
- Candidate Background Checks

Motion made by member Shawa, supported by member Shomin to accept the verbal report of Chairperson Carson. Motion read back by Secretary Quinones.

5 – Yes 0 – No 0 – Abstained 0 – Absent

Motion carried

##### VICE- CHAIRMAN HUGHES

###### Discussion items

- Total Tribal Enrollment as of 2/27/2015 is 4,565
- Total deaths as 2/27/2015 is 3
- No reported relinquishments
- Enrollment will need a written request from the Election Board to share address changes

Motion made by Secretary Quinones, supported by member Shawa, to accept the verbal and written report of the Vice- Chairman Hughes. Motion read back by Secretary Quinones.

5 – Yes 0 – No 0 – Abstained 0 – Absent

Motion carried

## **SECRETARY/TREASURER QUINONES**

### **Discussion Items**

- 4 new Voter Registrations
- Total Cost for Election Service and Candidate Mailing was \$346.34
- Prepared 10 Initiative Signature Pages
- Prepared Information for this meeting

Motion made by Vice-Chairman Hughes, supported by member Shawa, to accept the verbal and written report of Secretary/Treasurer Quinones. Motion read back by Secretary Quinones.

5 – Yes 0 - No 0 – Abstained 0 – Absent

Motion carried

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Voter Registration up-date  
1,767 Registered Voters as of 02/28/2015

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by member Shawa, supported by Chairman Carson to adjourn this meeting at 1:05 p.m.

5 – Yes 0 – No 0 – Abstained 0 – Absent

Motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING DATE  
FRIDAY, MARCH 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2015**